

Appl. No. 10/667,666
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REMARKS


Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-7 and have amended the claims in order to place the application in immediate condition for allowance by canceling the rejected claims of 8-13 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants retain the right to file a continuation application directed to the canceled subject matter. Applicants most respectfully submit that the claims are in full compliance with 35 USC 112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

The rejection of claims 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurosawa et al. has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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